

REMARKS

Claims 13-29 are now present in this application.

Claims 1-12 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges that the Examiner considers claims 13-29 to be allowable. The Examiner has indicated that this application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of non-elected claims 1-12. Accordingly, these non-elected claims have now been cancelled, and this application should now fully be in condition for allowance.

Favorable reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

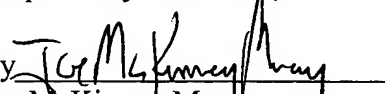
Because the prior art cited by the Examiner has been included merely to show the state of the prior art and has not been utilized to reject the claims, no further comments concerning these documents are considered necessary at this time.

In the event that any outstanding matters remain in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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